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PROSPERITY OF THIS TERRITORY

Governor George Curry Gives
a Glowing and Truthful De-
scription of Conditions

100,000 INCREASED POPULATION

The Advancement and Prosperity
of New Mexico in 1907 Greater
Than in Five Former Years

To summarize the growth of New Mexico during the past year it is only necessary to turn to the records of the four United States land offices in this Territory and take therefrom the number of homestead entries made during the past few months. During the period of seventeen months, from the beginning of the fiscal year, July 1st, 1906, to December 1st, 1907, a total of 23,223 land entries have been made in New Mexico. In the Santa Fe land office, covering central and northwest New Mexico, 3291 entries were made; in the Roswell land office, covering the southeastern counties, 5254; in the Las Cruces land office, covering the southwestern portion of the Territory, 1295; and in the Clayton land office, covering northeast and east New Mexico, 13,383.

This record of immigration, taken from the reports of the land offices, takes no account of the thousands of people who have come to New Mexico during this period to find homes in the irrigated districts, where they have acquired land by purchase, or within the limits of land grants, many of which are now being subdivided and sold in small lots to farmers; nor does it take account of the thousands who have come here to find employment in the cities and towns, in the mines and factories, in stock raising and other pursuits. The most conservative estimates indicate an increase in our population, during this brief period, of not less than 100,000. It is a record of which New Mexico has some cause to be proud, and which goes far to strengthen the claim the people of New Mexico are now making before congress, for admission to the union.

The most careful estimates made from our elaborate school census; from land office records, from local election returns, and from post office records show that New Mexico today, has a population of more than 400,000, as against 195,000 shown by the census of 1900.

The vast majority of this splendid population increase is of the highest type of American citizenship; men who may be safely trusted with the work of building a state, for it is drawn largely from the farming communities of Iowa and Illinois, of Missouri and Kansas and Texas, and from the great agricultural districts of the south; men who have found out the possibilities of the soil of New Mexico.

Almost invariably the farmer who comes to New Mexico stays

here, and with almost equal certainty he is followed by a little colony of his friends and neighbors. This immigration has been well distributed throughout the Territory, although a very large proportion has found its way into the northern and eastern counties, where it has been demonstrated that good crops may be grown without irrigation. Only a few years ago all that great region, between the Colorado border on the north, and the plains crossed by what is known as the Santa Fe cut-off, was an unbroken range for cattle and sheep. Now it is dotted in all directions with comfortable homes and at every cross roads new towns are springing up. There is a single valley in Central New Mexico, which three years ago was open range for sheep, in which, today more than 4,000 acres of wheat are planted, there being no single tract of more than 100 acres. We have one county which on its creation, three years ago, had a population of 800. Now it has a population of not less than 8,000. In the Pecos Valley, where there are two completed National irrigation projects, and in the Mesil-

where the farmer is subjected to the vagaries of drouth and flood. The American farmer has found out something of this and he is coming to New Mexico in tens and hundreds and thousands. He is bringing with him his energy and push and hustle and he is joining in the demand, now being voiced by every New Mexican, that the people of this Territory be admitted to the full rights of citizenship.

New Mexico has forty million acres of public lands open to entry. In this tremendous area are homes for millions, range for vast flocks and herds, highly mineralized districts, the surfaces of which have just been scratched; vast forests and unlimited wealth of coal. The industrial development of this Territory has just begun, but it has advanced sufficiently, now, to entitle us to admission to the union. The fact that the Territory has been able to advance so far, beneath the handicap of the territorial form of government, is in itself proof positive of the richness of our natural resources. —George Curry, Governor of New Mexico, in The Earth.

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la Valley, where the great Elephant Butte storage reservoir is soon to be built, development has been marvelously rapid. So, also in the valleys of San Juan county, and throughout the valley of the Rio Grande. There is scarcely a county in New Mexico, today, in which some large private irrigation project is not building.

The year has been one of great prosperity for New Mexico. It has been marked not alone by the coming of the army of farmers, but by the opening of new mines, lead and zinc, gold and silver, and coal; by the building of new towns and rapid growth of established ones; by extension of railroad lines; by a broad, onward movement which has marked a greater development, in a single year, than during any previous five year period in our history.

New Mexico is the land of the small farm. It is coming to be understood that a better and surer livelihood is to be made from ten acres of highly-cultivated irrigated land, than from 160 acres of prairie land in the farming districts of the middle west,

Woody Tullis Gets Leg Broken.

Woody Tullis, while out on a drive in the Lucas Bros. & Reynolds Delaware pasture, east of Huling's ranch, in Texas, last Saturday morning, had the misfortune to receive a broken leg from the effects of his horse leaping into a big gyp hole while running last Saturday. When the horse fell Woody was thrown with his right leg under the horse but his left leg struck the horn of the saddle between the knee and hip breaking the bone and rendering Woody helpless. His horse being rather wild ran away leaving him on the ground. Bob Lucas happened to see the horse over an hour after the accident, and trailed him to where Woody was lying, he being unable to move, having been on the cold ground was chilled through, during the two hours he had lain there. Bob made him as comfortable as possible, and after about five hours, which time it took to get a hack from the Black River headquarters, the boys started to town with the patient, arriving about twelve Saturday night, when the broken limb was set by Dr. Wheeler. Mr. Tullis is now comfortably fixed in rooms in the Osborne block next door to this office, where the doctor says he must remain about eight weeks.

OLDEST SETTLER DIES

William Hieskell Jones, Oldest
Surviving Settler, Dies at His
Son's Home on Rocky.

William Hieskell Jones, father of the Jones brothers of Rocky Arroya, died at the home of his son, Samuel, Friday afternoon, Dec. 10, at 5:20, of a general breaking down due to advanced age. He would have reached the age of seventy-eight had he lived until the 9th of next month.

He was born in Kanawha, Co., West Virginia, Feb. 9, 1830, and was married Dec. 26, 1853 in Braxton Co., W. Va., to Miss Barbara Culp, who was 8 years his junior, having been born in Braxton Co., Jan. 2, 1838 and who died Dec. 20, 1905.

Mr. Jones commenced failing rapidly immediately after his wife's death, and after two years of lingering illness that was impossible to diagnose, he passed away, his death having been expected daily for the past two weeks. His life and death was ideal in many respects, never having been of a hoarding or miserly disposition, his only care being for those dependent upon him, and some time before his death he gave away all his earthly possessions so as to be free from worldly cares in his last days. He and his good helpmeet brought up a family of ten children, nine sons and one daughter. The daughter, Miss Minnie, died at Seven Rivers, April 15, 1880, aged fifteen years and two months, and was buried on Rocky. John, the eldest son, born in Virginia Jan. 26, 1855, was murdered by Bob Olinger at Pierce corral on the east side of the Pecos below Malaga in Aug. 1880 and is also buried on Rocky. The other eight sons, James, Wm. M., Thomas, Chas. N., Frank, Sam, Henry and Bruce are left with their families to mourn the loss of a kind father.

Mr. Jones was the oldest surviving settler in Eddy county, having first located near where Roswell now stands on the Hondo in September, 1867 moving from there to the Ruidoso and where Postmaster John Bolton ate his first Christmas dinner in America on his arrival from Ireland Christmas Day 1871. Mr. Jones moved to Seven Rivers in 1873 and to Rocky in 1887 having in the meantime been out to Arizona and for a season at Blue Springs on the place known as the WT ranch, now owned by Judkins where Bruce was born.

Mr. Jones, though in a new country where law was unknown, was never mixed up in any difficulties and was always known as a peaceable honest man whom the world may be said to have been better because he lived in it.

The news of the death of Mr. Jones reached Carlsbad last Saturday morning and quite a number of the friends of the family immediately secured rigs and drove sixteen miles to attend the last sad rites, among them Rev. Joel F. Hedgpeth, the M. E. minister, who conducted the funeral which was from the home of Sam to the neat little ceme-

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tery about a quarter of a mile from the house. The casket containing all that was mortal of the good man, was covered with beautiful flowers, and was conveyed to its last resting place by six old friends, Messrs. W. R. Owen, B. A. Nymeyer, W. H. Merchant, R. B. Armstrong, J. W. Armstrong and Wm. H. Mullane, R. M. Thorne conducting the funeral. The service at the grave was impressive and appropriate, the minister dwelling principally on the lesson taught by death, which behooves all to love one another so that when death comes, there will be no sores to worry our consciences.

Among those who drove out from town were: John Cantrell and wife, Jim Simpson and wife, Ed Toner, Tom Vest, John Harvey, Jim Brown, County Treasurer Merchant, County Clerk Owen, Probate Judge Armstrong, Bob Armstrong, Jno. Bolton and wife, and several others. The number at the funeral was large considering the short time between the death and burial and the distance from town.

New Law Firm.

Judge James M. Dye returned Saturday from a trip to Santa Fe whither he journeyed to comply with the law necessitating the appearance of attorneys before the clerk of the supreme court to sign the roll, pay the fee and return in order to practice before that august tribunal, for lawyers who have practiced three years are not examined. Such a law even among lawyers looks like "horse play" and of no essential benefit. Mr. Dye has recently become associated with D. G. Grantham and they have secured the former office of Freeman & Cameron, where a member of the firm will be found at all times to attend to business in their line. They are both well known as temperate, industrious and painstaking lawyers, and as honest as lawyers in New Mexico can be expected to be—and even more so. Any business either before the courts or in abstracting will be pushed with more vigor than is usually the case with western attorneys.

Wm. Young and Sarah Armstrong were married by Judge Cunningham, Jan. 9, at 10:30 p. m. Colored.

Geo. N. Brown, representing the interstate commerce commission, tarried Wednesday night in Carlsbad, having held a session of the commission court Wednesday to take evidence on the application of the Pecos people to make Pecos a common point which would give that town the El Paso rates on freight. Mr. D. L. Meyers, of Amarillo, the general freight and passenger agent of the Pecos and Northern railway accompanied the party.